

Kindly cancel claims 2, 4, 8 and 9 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows.

*B9* 1. (Amended) An isolated human protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID

NO: 1.

*B10* 3. (Amended) An isolated human protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID

NO: 2.

5. (Amended) An isolated human gene encoding the human protein of claim 1 or 3.

*B11* 6. (Amended) A cDNA of the human gene of claim 5, which comprises a nucleotide  
sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.

7. (Amended) A cDNA of the human gene of claim 5, which comprises a nucleotide  
sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

10. (Amended) A recombinant vector comprising the cDNA of claim 6.

*B12* 11. (Amended) A recombinant vector comprising the cDNA of claim 7.

12. (Amended) An isolated antibody which binds specifically against the human protein of claim 1.

*nonclonal - yes*

13. (Amended) An isolated antibody which binds specifically against the human protein of claim 3.

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14. (Amended) A method for promoting the proliferation of cells, which comprises introducing the cDNA of claim 6 together with an expression regulatory sequence into the cells.

*in vitro  
(Support?)*

15. (Amended) A method for promoting the proliferation of cells, which comprises introducing the cDNA of claim 7 together with an expression regulatory sequence into the cells.

16. (Amended) A method for suppressing the proliferation of cells, which comprises introducing the antibody of claim 12 into the cells.

*in vitro*

17. (Amended) A method for suppressing the proliferation of cells, which comprises introducing the antibody of claim 13 into the cells.

Kindly add the following new claims.

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18. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SED ID NO: 1. *const.* -Dep

19. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SED ID NO: 2. *DJP*
20. An isolated polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide of claim 1 or 3.
21. The polynucleotide of claim 20, which comprises a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.
22. The polynucleotide of claim 20, which comprises a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4. *B13*
23. A recombinant vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 21.
24. A recombinant vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 22.
25. An isolated <sup>*monoclonal*</sup> antibody which binds specifically against the polypeptide of claim 18.
26. An isolated <sup>*monoclonal*</sup> antibody which binds specifically against the polypeptide of claim 19.
27. A method for promoting the proliferation of cells, which comprises introducing the polynucleotide of claim 21 together with an expression regulatory sequence into the cells.